



# Washington State Department of Early Learning

## **“Kids’ Potential, Our Purpose.”**

### **10.1.6 Window Blind and Covering Policy/Procedure Tip Sheet**

**When is it effective?** October 1, 2009

**What does it mean to me?**

- Inspect licensed areas and areas that are accessible to children in child care facilities for compliance with RCW 43.215.360.
- Ensure that window blinds and window covering cords cannot form a loop or pose a risk of strangulation.
- If blinds or coverings cannot be retrofitted or fixed while licensor is present in the home, ensure they are taken down immediately.
- Issue a compliance agreement to replace or retrofit blind or window covering to comply with RCW 43.215.360, unless these blinds are permanently removed.
- Visit the site to follow up within 14 days to ensure blinds or window coverings are in compliance. This visit is not necessary if the blinds and coverings were removed permanently.

**What is important to remember?**

- Provide information on window blinds from CPSC at orientation and licensing visits.
- Respectfully communicate with the child care facility and parents or legal guardians.
- Document any activities related to the compliance safety plan in FamLink within five (5) working days.

**Resources associated with the policy:**

- United State consumer Products Safety Commission alerts:  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/5114.pdf>
- Window Covering Safety Counsel: <http://www.windowcoverings.org>
- 10.1.6 Window Blind and Covering Policy
- 10.1.6 Window Blind and Covering Procedure

**Training expectation:**

- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that all licensing staff have read and understand and follow all new policies as they are distributed.

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